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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONIn the Title

Please substitute the following amended title for the title as currently on record (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

ELECTROSTATIC APPLICATION OF POWDER MATERIAL TO SOLID DOSAGE  
FORMS UTILIZING AN ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE SHIELD

In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s) (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

Page 1, line 3, please add the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

Page 1, line 4, please add the following headers:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTIONField of the Invention

Page 1, line 8, please add the following header:

Description of Related Art including information disclosed under  
37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98

Page 3, line 1, please add the following header:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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Page 16, line 3, please add the following header:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 16, line 22, please add the following header:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Page 19, line 16 – Page 20, line 21, please amend the specification as follows:

The description above is concerned with the part of the powder coating process in which the powder is actually applied to the tablet, that being the distinctive part of the process. It will be understood, however, that there will usually be other steps in the process including in particular a step of heating the powder to fuse it and secure it to the tablet. In a case where opposite faces of a tablet are to be coated powder may be applied to the first face, that powder fused, the tablet turned over and then powder applied to the second face and fused. Further details of other steps in the process that may be employed are given in WO 96/35516, the contents of which is incorporated herein by reference. Whilst that specification shows one particular form of support assembly for supporting and conveying the tablets, it should be understood that other systems could be used. Examples of other conveying arrangements are shown in WO 98/20861 and WO 98/20863, the contents of which are also incorporated herein by reference. Another possible conveying arrangement is one in which the tablets are conveyed along a path disposed in a single plane (which may be horizontal or inclined), travelling through various treatment stations arranged along the path. For example, powder may be applied to one face of the tablet at a first station, the powder fused at a second station, the tablet cooled at a third station, the tablet turned over at a fourth station, powder applied to the opposite face of the tablet at a fifth station, that powder fused at a sixth station and the tablet cooled at a seventh

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station. Suitable powder coating materials for coating the tablets are described in ~~WO 96/34513~~  
WO 96/35413, the contents of which is incorporated herein by reference.